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**No-Smoking Policy**

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**POLICY:**

This policy executes the legislative mandate prohibiting the allocation of administrative funds to any clinic providing WIC services if that clinic allows smoking within the space used to perform WIC Program functions.

**PROCEDURE:**

**A. Public Law 103-111**

1. Public Law 103-111 stipulates that each Local Agency WIC clinic must have an announced public policy opposing smoking in any area where WIC Program functions are performed in order to be eligible to receive WIC administrative funds.
2. An announced public policy against smoking must be placed in each Local Agency WIC clinic in an area that is visible to the public.

**B. Mixed Message to WIC Applicants/Participants**

1. Allowing smoking in places where programs intended to improve the health and well-being of low-income individuals are administered sends a mixed and inappropriate message.

**C. Prohibition Only During WIC Program Operation**

1. The prohibition against smoking applies only during the times that the WIC Program is operating at the WIC clinic.
2. Satellite operations, such as church basements or community health centers where WIC services may only be offered once or twice a week, would only announce and implement the no-smoking policy for the time periods when the WIC Program is operating at the site.

**D. Compliance with the No-Smoking Policy**

1. Compliance with the requirement to prohibit smoking in an area providing WIC services will be monitored during the State Agency Program Review and Local Agency Internal Review.
2. A failure of the Local Agency to post an announced public policy against smoking will result in the ineligibility of the Local Agency to receive administrative funds.

**REFERENCES:**

1. SFP 94-2, Mandatory No-Smoking Policy in Local Agencies